

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Selectmen present were Janet Smith, James McIlroy, and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Larry Shaw (Building Inspector), Police Chief Reed, Don Doane (Treasurer), and Phil Auger of the UNH Cooperative Extension.

James made a motion that he sign the "Engagement" letters from Devine Millimet, Attorneys with regard to the General Obligation Bond for the Town. Roberta seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The ADS Software Support Agreement was signed.

James made a motion to re-appoint Alison Watts to the Conservation Committee. The motion was seconded by Janet and all were in favor.

Roberta made a motion to change the agent/broker of the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care insurance from the Foy Insurance Group to Primex. Janet seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Janet made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2006 meeting as amended. Roberta seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Dragon Mosquito sent the Selectmen the Special Permit Application and it was reviewed.

James made a motion to appoint Roberta Gerkin to the Budget Committee. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With regard to the snow being imported in Newfields, James asked that a copy of the Watershed Management Bureau's Snow Disposal Guidelines to the property owner. It is not illegal to import snow, but care must be taken to protect the environment.

Tom Conner advised the Board that he is not planning to serve as the Emergency Management Director after his current term expires. He suggested that Christine Wilson replace him as Emergency Management Director. The Selectmen asked Nancy to contact Christine to see if she is interested in the position.

James signed the letter drafted by Wolfe Tone confirming the funding of the Piscassic Greenway purchase. This letter was requested by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service.

Larry Shaw notified the Selectmen that he is still interested in being re-appointed the town's Building Inspector. At this time, the part-time position is adequate for the Town's size and needs. Larry does work additional hours as needed during the summer months to keep on top of the inspections. Larry prefers a one year appointment instead of three.

Larry would like to computerize the Building Inspector's Department. He stated that most towns have the ICC and BOCA codes on line. It would make the job easier as the codes would be available without having to look in books or make telephone calls. The Selectmen advised Larry that adding a computer to his department was not included in the Budget, but they would see what they could do for the department.

With regard to the noise complaint, Chief Reed advises that two more calls were received last week. The Selectmen advised the Chief that Fran Lane (Town Counsel) is sending a letter to the attorney representing the complaining party.

Chief Reed informed the Selectmen that the pipes burst in the old Post Office Building. Water damage is confined to the furnace and furnace room. He turned off the water pipe to the building.

Chief Reed advised that the Alarm Ordinance was reviewed by Fire Chief Buxton. The Fire Chief agreed with the Ordinance as written. An effective date of June 1st to enforce the Ordinance was discussed. The Police Chief will provide a list of property owners with alarm systems so that they may be notified of the new ordinance. There was some concern that the Town will be fining the Newfields Elementary School for violations. The final hearing on this Ordinance was tabled until next week so that the Selectmen could speak with Dennis Dobe at the School.

Phil Auger of the UNH Cooperative Extension Service with 30 years experience as the County Forester and now the Extension Educator, Land and Water Conservation spoke to the Selectmen about the plans for the Piscassic Greenway. James expressed concern about timber cutting. The easement as now written is quite restrictive. Timber cannot be cut for profit. The town has the right to stop any program, may obtain a second opinion on any plans that may be implemented, has approval over the Wildlife Biologist and Forester working on this project. The will be a working forest and the wildlife management will be proactive in protecting endangered species such as the whippoorwill and canadian warblers.

Don Doane was in to update the Selectmen on the Bond needed for the Piscassic Greenway purchase. He was asked to give an estimate of expenses/fees involved before the Bond can be issued. Don was asked to get additional information ie: yearly payment and interest rate for a 20 year bond as opposed to a 10 year bond. Don provided the information on payments and interest rates and the Selectmen voted two to one for the 20 year bond.

At 9:30pm James made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Roberta and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer